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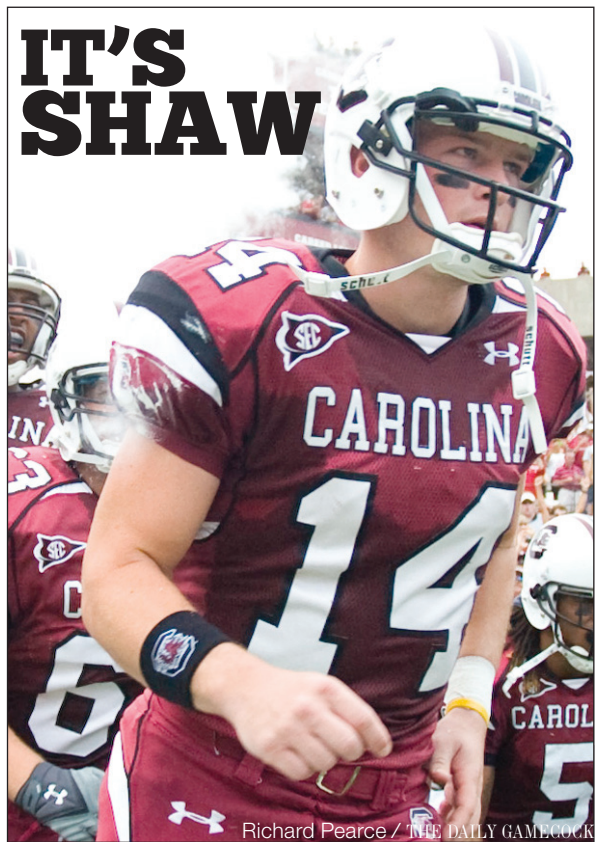
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IT'S SHAW

In a surprising move, Steve Spurrier names Connor Shaw the team's starting quarterback for season-opener against ECU.

SEE STORY ON B1

Suspect in Wilson murder denied bond

Hank Hawes waives hearing appearance Thursday

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Hank Hawes, the man accused of killing USC education professor Jennifer Wilson, was denied bond in a hearing in Columbia Thursday morning.

Hawes, 37, did not appear at the hearing — his lawyer, Kris Hines of the Richland County Public Defender's Office, said Hawes did "not wish to be present" and would waive his bond.

During the hearing, the prosecutors then described in detail the story of the alleged murder. They said Hawes entered Wilson's Shandon duplex, stabbed her multiple times and "drug her from one room to another." The statement drew gasps and tears from friends and colleagues present at the hearing. Wilson's family was not present.

Before the close of the hearing, Circuit Judge Casey Manning made a statement sympathizing with Wilson's cause.

"My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the victim, Ms. Wilson, and her family," he said. "It's difficult to put a handle on."

He called it "a tragedy of epic proportions."

"Bond is denied and probably will remain denied," Manning continued. He said he didn't foresee Hawes being granted bond unless there was "an intervention from the Almighty, or something like that."

The judge emphasized that USC and the greater Columbia area are safe.

"The Carolina community is a safe place to send your sons and daughters," he said.

Wilson's friend and USC secondary education and

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Friends and colleagues of Jennifer Wilson were shaken at the prosecutors' details of her murder.

USC hires top Haley aide

Trey Walker to direct state lobbying efforts for university

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USC hired a top aide to Gov. Nikki Haley as its director of state relations on Thursday, a new senior strategist "hybrid" position created for added influence at the Statehouse.

Trey Walker, formerly Haley's deputy chief of staff, will earn \$135,000 in his new role, which begins later this month. He will be charged with developing relationships with General Assembly members and their respective staff

while monitoring higher education legislation that passes through the body, according to Luanne Lawrence, USC's vice president for communications. Walker had earned \$122,775 working for Haley.

Walker has long ties in South Carolina politics. Before taking his position with Haley, he served as former Attorney General Henry McMaster's top assistant. He also directed Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign in South Carolina and previously served as executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party.

University officials say Walker will develop annual strategic plans, manage the university's government relations support staff and inform

USC's board of trustees on various legislative issues. Walker provided a copy of his resume to The Daily Gamecock but declined further comment.

"One of our goals on bringing him on board is that we've been very reactive with our state efforts in the past," Lawrence said. "We want to be proactive."

Walker's hire is part of a larger shift in USC's lobbying and community relations efforts, Lawrence said. USC has created a Council for Government and Community Relations to overhaul its lobbying efforts, which will meet for the first time later this month.

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ON THE TOWN CHARLOTTE

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The Gamecocks are hitting the road for this weekend's game, filling Charlotte with all the university's garnet and black glory. While most Gamecock fans will spend Saturday afternoon tailgate-hopping on the Bank of America Stadium grounds, the city also has a whole host of restaurants, eateries and bars to check out before and after the big game against ECU.

Also, take a look at the different events My Carolina Alumni Association has scheduled for Friday evening, and support its effort to "paint Charlotte garnet."

The EpiCentre
210 E. Trade St.

Charlotte's EpiCentre, or the hub of all nightlife, dining and entertainment, houses restaurants that cater to every imaginable palate and bars that bring together drinking, music and all the cool the city has to offer. StrikeCity polishes the art of bowling, while Howl at the Moon adds a little rock 'n' roll flair to the center with its audience-driven piano showdowns. But the EpiCentre, which does keep things casual with a Five Guys Burgers and Fries and a Smoothie King, is best known for its host of more upscale restaurants and bars, each serving up a different style of fool-proof dishes for a steeper price

Mortimer's Cafe and Pub

Mortimer's, located within the EpiCentre, brings the prices back down to the basic budget, serving up paninis, pitas, wraps and sandwiches with the mission to "preserve old-fashioned service." A killer list of comfort food starters, like Peter's pretzel bites, Bonzo's bacon cheese fries and chicken parm sliders, each for under \$7, are enough to sell this charming spot. The seemingly never-ending lists of pitas, including a maple honey turkey and chicken gyro, and savory sandwich shop staples, like the "Wilbur Cook" Pig Pickin' pulled pork barbecue, only add to the delight of this reasonably priced café. With by far the biggest and cheapest selection, Mortimer's, open until 2 a.m., will also have live music from The John Earle Band Friday and Sunday night.

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Photos courtesy of EpiCentre Media

Painting Charlotte Garnet • A2

WEATHER

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MIX



Whiskey Tango Revue
Local band takes cues from country outlaws with the release of its new album "Seersucker Soldiers."
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VIEWPOINTS



Letter to the editor
Read former USC professor Kwame Dawes setting the record straight on his departure from Carolina.
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SPORTS



Kratch on USC
Spurrier's decision to start Shaw over Garcia is not the right one, sports editor James Kratch says.
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Lawrence said USC no longer expects the South Carolina Legislature to better fund higher education. Instead, USC officials want to concentrate on priorities that include ensuring funding for the state’s lottery scholarships, highlighting regulatory reform priorities on construction projects and eliminating inefficiencies.

The move also precipitates personnel changes. Casey Martin, formerly USC’s chief Statehouse lobbyist, will now serve as USC’s assistant director of advocacy. She will no longer lobby at the Statehouse, and Martin’s \$104,030 salary will not change.

Shirley Mills, USC’s other longtime state lobbyist, will now become a special adviser to the president. Mills will handle county and community efforts while doing “some Statehouse work.” Lawrence couldn’t immediately say

whether Mills would see a change in salary.

USC has recently had its share of problems in the Statehouse. Funds for higher education have been slashed across the board, and President Harris Pastides recently told The Daily Gamecock that one of his biggest frustrations as president was watching constant calls for more support to the Statehouse go “unrequited.”

Walker is the latest high-profile political hire by the university. USC recently gave Henry McMaster a \$191,000 annual contract to direct fundraising efforts for USC’s law school. Sunny Philips and Brad Henry, two of McMaster’s former political and fundraising aides, were also hired by the university earlier this summer to work beneath McMaster.

Philips will earn \$118,000, and Henry will earn \$112,000 in contracts that last until 2012.

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English language arts teacher Victoria Oglan said she was “beyond stunned” by the event.

“She was a vibrant, vibrant personality,” she said. “She was a force. When she walked into a room, you knew she was present.”

Oglan said Wilson had expressed to her that she had concerns about her relationship with Hawes.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin appeared at the trial and offered his take afterward.

“It’s an incredibly sad day,” he said. “Dr. Wilson was a rising star here and working in developing countries across the world. Her death is a grave loss, not just for the university and Columbia, but for the world. I’m glad Judge Manning denied bond.”

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Courtesy of James Wolf

PAINTING CHARLOTTE GARNET

Fans, Alumni Association to flood to city for ECU game

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For the majority of the student population sentenced to spend Saturday night in front of their TV sets, news that the first game of this year’s high-profile football season would go down in Charlotte, N.C., came as an unwelcome disappointment.

But 93 miles north of Columbia, 2005 USC alumnus James Wolf couldn’t have been more excited.

Since finding out about the game’s location in January, Wolf, president of the Carolina Alumni Club in Charlotte, has been busy with a master plan to “Paint Charlotte Garnet.” The initiative, supported by the My Carolina Alumni Association, means to show off the strength of Gamecock spirit in the Carolinas’ largest city, which is home to around 8,000 alumni and 7 percent of this year’s freshman class.

“It means the world to us [that the first game is here],” Wolf said. “Columbia has such a presence here, and this is an opportunity for the university to take advantage of what Charlotte offers in terms of business.”

The series of events will begin 6 p.m. Friday at the Charlotte EpiCentre with live music from USC alumni bands Ben Fagan and the Holy City Hooligans and the Love Handles. A pep rally with Cocky and the USC cheerleaders will ensue, with university President Harris Pastides and Athletics Director Eric Hyman set to attend in full Gamecock regalia. USC sideline reporter Terry Cousin, a 1996 alumnus and letterman and later cornerback for the Carolina Panthers, will

also join the alumni celebration.

“I think we have alumni and fans very excited and hopeful for the season,” said Lynn Bradley, the assistant executive director for alumni engagement. “They remember their days here and stay connected and want to see the university succeed in anything it does, academically and athletically.”

The Gamecock invasion will continue Saturday morning as approximately 1,000 Carolina fans “flock” Charlotte’s uptown with Gamecock storks and signs bearing the slogan “You’ve been Gamecock’d.” Several area businesses have already joined in on the initiative, sporting garnet paraphernalia in their storefronts.

Wolf hopes the bowl-like atmosphere will impart a sense of pride upon the few hundred students coming up from Columbia to see the showdown.

“They will realize Gamecock Nation is alive and well outside of Columbia,” Wolf said. “It’s not just Gamecock Nation in our bubble — it’s everywhere.”

Cocky’s Reading Express is also joining in on the drive into Charlotte with a more service-oriented goal. Kim Jeffcoat, executive director of the South Carolina Center for Children’s Books and Literacy, will travel with five to 12 students plus Cocky on Friday to nearby elementary schools in Rock Hill and Fort Mill on their usual statewide book-reading tour. Students at these schools will make the “Cocky promise” to read the books that they give out and share them. According to Jeffcoat, their stops at these schools will help lead the charge into Charlotte with literacy, as well as garnet athletic pride.

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The EpiCentre (continued)

Libretto’s Pizzeria

Libretto’s channels the New York-style slice of pizza, holding validity in its quest with one of its four locations on Third Avenue in New York City. A menu packed with specialty pizzas, including the Alla Vodka, with the restaurant’s vodka tomato sauce, and Il Diavolo, with pepperoni, spicy sausage, jalapeno peppers and roasted garlic, keeps prices affordable. Large pizzas start at \$15, with personal 10-inch pizzas just \$8. Toppings and specialty pies are added to the base price. Pizza is also available by the slice, anywhere from \$2.75 to \$4.50, depending on the specialties available on the bar. Libretto’s is open until 4 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Enso Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar

Enso, the EpiCentre’s token sushi bar and Asian-fusion posh spot, makes good on the promise of an upscale dining experience, with high prices, but matching flavors and menu options. Specialty sushi rolls, which include the king crab tempura and ceviche roll, range anywhere from \$11 to \$22, but the more basic maki rolls (California, tuna, salmon) stick around \$7. Dinner main dishes soar pretty far out of any college student’s price range, but the lunch menu, served Friday through 4 p.m., includes hibachi chicken and schetzwan beef, each for \$13 or less.

Vida Mexican Kitchen y Cantina

Vida is certainly a far cry from the neighborhood Monterey’s. Boasting “authentic Mexican cuisine,” the cantina is famous for its homemade margaritas, “the Skinny” 100-calorie margarita in particular. Vida’s taco plates, which include the surf and turf with filet and lobster tail and beer-battered white fish, give an upscale edge to Mexican staples, but, with the EpiCentre tradition, ride a bit above the typical student’s budget. Starters like the carne asada nachos and wild mushroom flautas run a smaller price, while still bringing diners into the experience-making restaurant atmosphere. Main dishes run between \$15 and \$25, but if you’re looking to splurge, the cantina is a good pick.

Cheap Eats

Penguin Drive-In

1921 Commonweath Ave.

Penguin, established in 1954, has become somewhat of a legend in Charlotte, serving up its inexpensive burgers, hotdogs, sandwiches and salads for more than 50 years. The menu prices really can’t be beat on, with each of its main draws served as singles for around \$5 and as a combo, with a side and free refill drink, around \$8. The Penguin, a pimento cheeseburger topped with fried pickles, starts off the burger list, while the Single Successful Guy, a grilled chicken and swiss sandwich, keeps things a little more basic on the “Slammin Sammiches” side. Penguin also has live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and daily drink specials, including \$3 Patron or Jäger shots. All menu items are available for either dine-in or take-out.

Newk’s Express Cafe

101 N. Tryon St.

Perfect for cheap eats, in a hurry, Newk’s is famous for its 10-inch personal thin crust pizzas, which include spicy shrimp, barbecue chicken and Mediterranean. Toasted and specialty sandwiches round out the menu, with fresh tossed salads offering some lighter fare. And, customers can satisfy both sides of their craving with the Panera-style combos — half sandwich and half salad, bowl of soup and half salad or half sandwich and cup of soup.

Charlotte Bars

Picasso’s Sports Cafe

222 S. Church St.

Picasso’s is the definition of a sports bar, holding its pizza rolls, wings and on-tap beers to a new standard, likening back to some of Five Points favorites. Trivia and free shuffleboard liven up the already college-suited café, with drink specials, like \$2.50 Blue Moon drafts on Fridays and \$3 Sam Adams on Saturday, closing up the deal. And, for those driving into town early, Picasso’s offers an all-you-can-eat pizza and salad lunch buffet for \$8, and is just three blocks from the stadium. Complete with a 16-foot HD movie screen and 20 televisions throughout the bar, Picasso’s is open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

Ri Ra Irish Pub

208 N. Tryon St.

Ri Ra is the classic Irish pub, pumping up the game with live music — Mike Waters, an Americana rock artist, will be performing Friday at 9:30 p.m., and Crashbox, a rock cover band, will take the stage Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The menu, filled with “Irish Bistro” fare, does get a little pricey, but unique starters like Irish potato cakes, Irish pimento dip and Guinness barbecue meatballs stay under \$10 and are the perfect treat for a night at the pub. Ri Ra also offers \$2 Bud Light all day Friday.

Stool Pigeons Coop & Grill

214 N. Church St.

Stool Pigeons brings the crowd, with a restaurant-stretching bar, chock-full of televisions and gameday cheer. Although the menu sticks to a “bar food” selection, the wings, pitas and pizza hit the spot and are all under \$10. Bud Light is \$2 every day, and appetizers are half off during the 4 to 8 p.m. happy hour. Stool Pigeons also has an outdoor patio area, also stocked with televisions, adding a nice alternative to the usually packed bar. The bar and grill is open until 2 a.m. daily.

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THIS WEEKEND IN CHARLOTTE

Friday

My Carolina Alumni Association:

6 – 8 p.m. Free burritos for fans in Gamecock apparel — not just garnet and black (Moe’s in the EpiCentre)

7 – 8 p.m. Live music from Ben Fagan and the Holy City Hooligans (Pavilion at EpiCentre)

8:30 – 9 p.m. Pep rally with Cocky and Carolina cheerleaders (Pavilion at EpiCentre)

9 – 11 p.m. Live music from the Love Handles (Pavilion at EpiCentre)

Around the City:

10 p.m. – 2 a.m. Dixie’s Tavern (301 E. 7th St.) USC fan pregame party; win tickets to the game, \$2.50 Corona and Corona Light

5 – 11 p.m. NC Music Factory’s Fountain Plaza (1000 Seaboard St.); live music from Early Ray, prizes, drink and food specials

Saturday

My Carolina Alumni Association:

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. My Carolina and Gamecock Club hospitality tent (North Gate, Bank of America Stadium); Cocky and Carolina cheerleaders, giveaways and catering.

After the game:

2 a.m. Dixie’s Tavern postgame party; \$2.50 Corona and Corona Light



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Hiring Trey Walker
smart move for USC

Hiring Trey Walker, a longtime talented South Carolina politico with ties to the governor's mansion and the Statehouse, to shore up efforts at the Statehouse is likely a savvy move for the University of South Carolina.

Walker's wide range of contacts, coupled with his political acumen, will probably benefit students, faculty and staff. Sure, \$135,000 is a lot of money per year, but we believe Walker will probably soon prove his worth.

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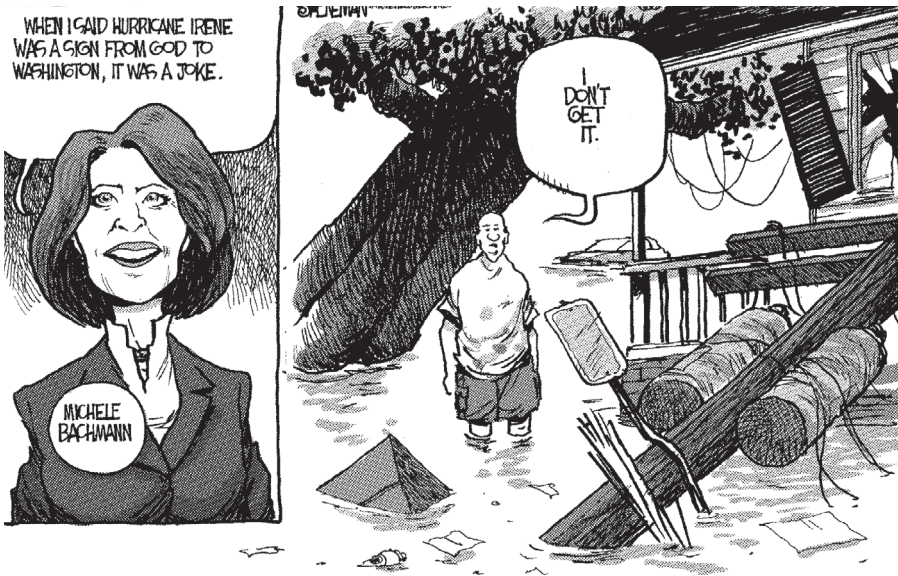
If you want success at the Statehouse and inside the governor's mansion, what better way than hiring someone who has those contacts and extreme know-how? Walker has directed several campaigns, including Sen. John McCain's efforts in the Palmetto State during the 2008 race.

It is also refreshing to see that USC will now move toward lobbying efforts that can actually work. Legislators either cannot or will not better fund higher education.

But that doesn't mean lobbying isn't important. USC must ensure lottery scholarships will remain and building projects will move forward. It must also make sure certain pieces of legislation, including an annual threat to require a certain amount of in-state students at USC, doesn't pass the body.

On a side note, Democrats must be getting madder by the moment. USC has now hired four high-profile Republican politicians in recent months, including Walker, Henry McMaster and two other longtime McMaster associates. In total, the four are making more than \$550,000 a year.

Maybe the governor herself will move to the university. It would sure provide for interesting theater — and likely photo identification cards for all students, even if Nikki Haley herself has to walk everyone to the CarolinaCard office.



Healthy sleep cycle essential in college

Better habits remove
early morning stress

While walking to class these days, it's almost impossible to miss the long, snaking lines of pajama-clad students as they zombie-shuffle their way to that first cup of coffee.

I understand many have become accustomed to and may somehow enjoy the just-roll-out-of-bed lifestyle, but there are many others who, after experiencing what an 8 a.m. Monday class really means, would kill to be a "morning person."

To those people I say: It's easier than you think.

While there are a number of factors ranging from genetics to the temperature of your bedroom, the main determinate of when your body naturally wakes up is your circadian rhythm, or what's known as your "internal clock." Everything from whales to mushrooms have some form of one, and lucky for humans, ours is flexible. Things as simple as when and what you eat can influence it, but the easiest way to control it is through developing patterns or habits, hence a circadian "rhythm."

The idea is simple: Set your alarm for the time you ideally want to wake up. Force yourself to get up exactly at that time (snooze alarms are a big no-no), and make yourself go the whole day without a nap. The more

there is to keep you engaged during the day, the easier it is to accomplish this (maybe go say hi to that jolly redhead who works at the Horseshoe Deli). Odds are, that night you'll be tired a lot earlier than usual. This is the most important part. Go to bed when you are tired.

Don't drag out your Facebook stalking sessions; don't glaze over in front of the TV until 3 a.m. Go to bed the second your eyes get heavy. This may be as late as 1 a.m. for some, or as early as 9 p.m. for others. Some days may be later than others. A study conducted by the National Sleep Foundation found that more Americans are forcing themselves to stay up later than usual due to stress and late-night entertainment. The important thing is to wake up at the same time every morning, and listen when your body says it's time for bed.

By no means will this work for everyone, including those with sleeping disorders. However, a number of studies and health blogs are showing the benefits for many. With so many distractions going on late at night from television programs, Internet surfing and even homework, very few people actually ever stop and allow this habit to develop.

Next time you actually want to feel awake before noon, try this on for size: Put down the nightly distractions, get in a rhythm and you might find yourself bypassing those caffeine traffic jams a lot more easily than imagined.

The Daily Gamecock

Readers
remember
Wilson

Such a tragic loss. Jennifer Wilson, you are missed by all who knew you.
— @tovelk
Tove Knudsen

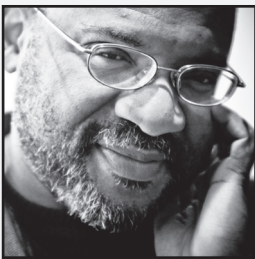
She was my teacher when she taught at Reed-Custer (High School) in Braidwood, Ill. All of my classmates adored her, even myself. Great teacher and a great friend — she will be missed. My heart goes out to her family and friends as they get through this mess.
— Cassie Watson

I had the pleasure of having her as a professor this summer through the TAH Grant. She was an awesome teacher, and I can honestly say I learned so much from her. Without a doubt, her enthusiasm and drive for literacy will be sorely missed.
— Susie C. Brown

What a horrible tragedy! This always happens to great people that make differences in many lives, while scum like the attacker lives on, seemingly.
— Andrew Williams

Continue commenting and posting on Twitter and Facebook — we'll print more next Friday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



DAWES

Kwame Dawes formally served as USC's Louise Fry Scudder professor of liberal arts until leaving the university last semester. He directed the USC Arts Institute until it was closed in December of 2010.

This letter is a response to Thursday's article "Faculty, staff eligible for bonuses." Eligible USC faculty will receive wage increases in an effort to offer competitive salaries.

I would like to say that, for the record, I did not accept the position at Nebraska because of a salary issue but because the University of South Carolina's administration closed down the USC Arts Institute, which I directed successfully for five years, and, in the process, took me out of an important leadership role on the campus — a role that made ample use of my abilities and skills.

The institute, I have maintained, was an important and visionary development at the University of South Carolina. It was closed because the administration did not share my view of its relative importance.

I made this clear in all discussions on the matter with the university's administration. While salaries may attract faculty, sometimes a strong sense of vision and an appreciation of a faculty or staff member's skills can have a greater impact on morale, job satisfaction and retention.

I would hate for anyone to leave with the impression that I left because the University of Nebraska offered me more money. This is simply not true. I endorse the university's efforts to make up for the years without salary increases at Carolina. As President Harris Pastides said, more should have been done. And while I appreciate that some faculty have moved purely because of better financial deals, I want to be clear that this was not the case with me.

— Kwame Dawes, current Glenna Luschei Editor of *Prairie Schooner* and chancellor's professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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The goal of The Daily Gamecock's Viewpoints page is to stimulate discussion in the University of South Carolina community.

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Whiskey Tango Revue

Local band takes cues from country outlaws with release of newest album

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Edged into the dark hardback booth under the dim lighting of the Goatfeathers bar in Five Points, Rhodes Bailey takes a slow sip of his beer as he contemplates what he’s trying to say.

“What’s that line from ‘Revenge of the Nerds?’” he asks thoughtfully. “It starts with like, ‘Hey nerds!’ Oh, well I guess that’s how most of the one-liners in that movie start, don’t they?”

Bailey’s two bandmates erupt into laughter and he quickly joins in. Seated around this small booth, it is easy to see that there have been plenty of good times like these shared among the three men, and moments like this keep the rip-roaring, rebellious fire lit for Whiskey Tango Revue.

Going strong for some two-odd years now, Whiskey Tango Revue has been turning up the heat on its own brand of country music, taking cues from other country outlaws like Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings to create a sound that is both distinct and relatable. What originally began as just a few friends jamming together quickly transitioned into foot-stomping rockabilly sprinkled with elements of punk and bluegrass. Eventually, saxophonist Sid Tyner, standup bass player Chris Paget and vocalist Susan Hills Nelson were added, and the Whiskey sound was fully incarnated. Their music rides like a Harley Davidson — it’s loud, it’s fast and if you’re not ready to get rowdy, then you need to get out of

the bar.

“We really see ourselves as a great live band,” percussionist Steve Sancho said. “When a new song is brought to the table, we try to think about how it’s going to play live and how we can keep things high energy.”

And when it comes to penning new songs for the band, guitarist and vocalist Spencer Collins, who collaborates with fellow vocalist Bailey on the majority of the Whiskey tracks, says they try to keep things as real as possible.

“I usually come in with a great core of a song, and then we all add to it and really try to make sure the energy’s there for the audience,” Collins said. “Sometimes it’s based on true things; other times it’s more loosely based.”

Bailey laughed and gave his take on Collins’ songwriting.

“Yeah, Spencer’s songs are more about philandering and being loose,” he said. “I choose to write mostly about being in jail and drinking booze.”

As for the final product, Whiskey Tango Revue has a little bit of everything for every taste. Some of it’s twangy, some of it’s raunchy and still even more is tinged with a little bit of old-school blues. Sure, there are a few hints of country sprinkled in, but Bailey says the band makes an honest effort to stay away from music that sounds too “CMA.”

“A lot of what’s being played today is typical blue-

eyed music that just comes off as obnoxious,” he said. “We’re fighting to take country music back.”

So far, it appears that Whiskey’s guerrilla attack on country music is already working: they’ve built a steady fan base here in Columbia as well as Charleston. Their newest album, “Seersucker Soldiers,” will be formally released tonight at 5 Points Pub, and it’s already obvious that one track in particular is going to be destined for South Carolina greatness.

“‘The Moon-Spangled Banner’ is one of my favorite songs we’ve ever done, and I really think it’s going to blow people’s minds,” Bailey said. “Our dream would be to play it at a USC game because it’s all about praising our state, and we try to give South Carolina as much love as possible.”

And fortunately for us, Sancho says the band has been able to avoid many of the pitfalls that can typically plague a great Southern rock band. They’ve strayed away from big humps in the road and found that they work really well together even when the instruments come off at the end of the set. And Collins seconds that motion.

“We’re all about making mediocre music sound really good for a long time,” he added.

“Yeah, we’re going to ride this wave of free PBRs as long as we can,” Bailey said with a grin. “But we’re still not going to quit our day jobs.”

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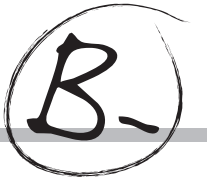
‘Debt’ pays off with solid performances

Director John Madden delivers first notable film since ‘Shakespeare in Love’

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“The Debt”
NOW IN THEATERS

Director: John Madden
Starring: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington, Jessica Chastain
Rating: R for some violence and language



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Helen Mirren stars as Mossad agent Rachel Singer in director John Madden’s latest film “The Debt,” which also stars Sam Worthington and Jessica Chastain.

The last and only acclaim-worthy film director John Madden has presented was “Shakespeare in Love” (1998), which beat out “Saving Private Ryan” (1998) in the Best Picture category at the 71st Academy Awards. Since then, Madden has directed some letdowns like “The Replacements” (2000) and “Killshot” (2009).

Early whispers have already depicted “The Debt” as having potential for some Oscar attention. This movie isn’t actually at that level, but it is still an above average, gritty thriller with a set of solid performances, potent dramatic sequences and some adequately executed action scenes. “The Debt” is the most noteworthy film that we have seen from Madden in a while.

Based on the 2007 Israeli film of the same name, “The Debt” takes place in two alternating decades: the 1960s, when a young group of Mossad agents attempts to apprehend a Nazi war criminal, and the 1990s, when agents’ substandard efforts begin to catch up with them publicly.

The movie begins in 1997, when former Mossad agent Rachel Singer (Helen Mirren) has gained international fame due to her daughter’s book about her dangerous espionage mission. Her ex-husband Stephan Gold (Tom Wilkinson) informs Singer that their long-absent colleague David Peretz (Ciaran Hinds) has taken his own life out of guilt. He also warns Singer that a long-kept secret among the three of them is dangerously close to becoming public.

The story then takes us back in time when a younger, inexperienced Singer (Jessica Chastain) meets Peretz (Sam Worthington) and Gold (Marton Csokas) for the first time in East Berlin. Their mission together was to capture a Nazi surgeon (Jesper Christensen), who experimented on Jews in the Birkenau concentration camp and is now working as a gynecologist.

It’s difficult to give a clear description of the narrative without giving away the twists. To put it simply, the espionage mission goes horribly wrong, and a love triangle develops among the three Mossad agents.

Some of the issues within “The Debt” are due to faulty writing. For instance, the Mossad trio is sworn to secrecy about the unintentional events that occurred

during the espionage mission. Yet, we aren’t given a clear explanation as to what the three of them have to lose if the truth behind the mission goes public. The writers also give the movie a completely coincidental ending that does no justice to the story.

The movie isn’t as thrilling as it could have been, despite containing three or four decently exhilarating, suspenseful action scenes. This is mostly because the film focuses more on its dramatic aspects, such as the awkward love triangle and the exploration of each character’s own ethics. Still, these dramatic sequences when the Mossad group becomes emotionally affected by the mission are more gripping and entertaining than the action scenes.

What really helps “The Debt” as a drama are the solid performances from the entire cast, as the younger actors manage to keep up with established colleagues. Both Chastain, who also gave a great performance this year in “The Tree of Life,” and Mirren give equally emotionally riveting performances as Singer. Whatever holes that Mirren leaves while portraying a guilt-ridden Singer, Chastain successfully fills, portraying her as terrified in her confrontations with the Nazi criminal.

As Peretz, Worthington doesn’t deliver the same sense of dull earnestness that he displayed in his previous films “Avatar” (2009) and “Clash of the Titans” (2010). In fact, this is the first emotionally demanding role in a while that shows Worthington possessing any acting skills whatsoever.

Christensen also gives a great performance as the sadistic Dieter Vogel, helping to provide the better dramatic scenes with the intense anti-Semitic mind games he engages in with each of the Mossad agents.

If it weren’t for the exceptional performances and Madden’s adequate use of drama, suspense and thrills, this movie would have just been your typical B-movie thriller. More along the lines of art-house mixed with action, “The Debt” is emotionally gripping and worthwhile for the performances alone.

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Barbecue on wheels puts twist on tradition

From-scratch recipes, friendly staff essential to dining experience

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Like so much else of this state's culture, barbecue is steeped in history and tradition. It's become a well-known cultural export, it's a signifier of Southern hospitality and cuisine and it's even divided the state into sauce-based and regional factions.

Scott Hall is new on the barbecue scene, but in the months since his Bone-In Artisan Barbecue on Wheels truck opened for business in February — the first food truck in this year's explosion of new options — he's hurtled to its forefront.

What makes Hall distinct, though, is that culinary tradition for him is less of a codified manual than a jumping-off point. For example, in designing the truck's fall menu, Hall and his team have

been consulting old cookbooks and their own memories.

"I think a lot of the inspiration comes from my and my cooks' pasts and our childhoods and the food that we used to eat, that our grandmothers used to make," he said.

What sets Bone-In apart, though, is its edgy twist on those old recipes.

"We don't strictly adhere to traditional preparations and techniques," Hall said. "We try a lot of interesting flavor profiles that aren't necessarily associated with traditional Southern barbecue. We're just sort of creative with our interpretation of barbecue."

Just as important to Bone-In's taste is the "devotion to craft" and attention to detail Hall and his team display in bringing those recipes to fruition, which is manifested in a long process of preparation and cooking that carries

on for days before each sandwich is assembled.

"We brine all of our pork shoulders for 72 hours, and we rub them for 24 hours," Hall said. "Every sauce we make is from scratch, and we bake our own bread. We really try to do everything we can to look at each individual element of what's being served and to try to bring that element up."

Though dynamic, the menu consistently evidences Hall's meticulousness and innovation, including with its staples a vinegar-based pulled pork sandwich and a beef brisket sandwich, which is served in a smoky hickory hoisin sauce on thick, fresh focaccia bread. Both include the option of hand-cut, seasoned chips or a mixed greens salad dressed in a tangy chive-and-lime vinaigrette.

This fall will shake up Bone-In's menu, as it moves away from summery flavors and sandwiches toward prepared dishes, roasted root vegetables, braises and generally "toward that traditional comfort food sort of thing."

Back on the truck, Hall's crew is a tight bunch, he says, and they have to be, working in such confined quarters for long hours, sometimes 14 to 16 in a day, most



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Scott Hall, Bone-In Barbecue's owner, serves a customer on the streets of Columbia.



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Mixed green salads and pulled pork sandwiches are regular items on Bone-In's menu.

of it "under the gun and high stress."

They cut the tension in their own way, which, concedes Hall, "is a little bit embarrassing" — by dancing and singing (or rather, as he puts it, "scream-yelled") along to songs related to their customers' names.

Kari and Cherry lead to Kansas's "Carry on Wayward Son," while Caroline inevitably spurs a rendition of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline."

The rest of the time? "Weirdly enough, our window dude Dan has a soft spot for Disney animated

movie musicals," Hall said. "So there have been some 'Aladdin' and 'Little Mermaid' song numbers that have happened in there."

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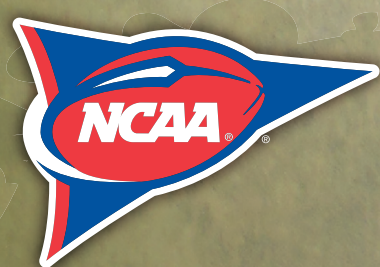
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Steve Spurrier names Connor Shaw starting quarterback over Stephen Garcia

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Sophomore quarterback Connor Shaw had the better preseason, according to coach Steve Spurrier. As a result, he will start for the Gamecocks on Saturday against ECU.

Kratch: Not the right decision

This shouldn't be surprising. After all, Steve Spurrier has been seemingly obsessed with getting Connor Shaw on the field ever since the kid arrived on campus.



James Kratch
Fourth-year
English student

But still. Wow. He actually did it. Shaw, not Stephen Garcia, will start at quarterback for South Carolina on Saturday against East Carolina at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.

The sophomore with 33 career pass attempts is going to take the first offensive snap of the most anticipated season in Gamecock history. Not the fifth-year senior who has started the last 28 games, led his team to its first division title and win over a top-ranked team in school history,

beat Clemson in consecutive years for the first time since the Nixon Administration and is in position to capture almost every major school passing record.

Maybe I'm missing something. Maybe this is some predetermined slap on the wrist that is the final condition of Garcia's reinstatement from his fifth suspension.

Maybe this is Spurrier's ingenious plan to screw with Georgia and its defensive coaching staff heading into the de facto SEC East championship game next weekend.

Maybe this is some feel-good story straight out of a 1970s after-school special about Shaw working hard and being rewarded.

I doubt it though. No, the decision to start Shaw over Garcia is just a dumb, head-scratching ploy that

KRATCH ● B2

Sophomore to take first snap

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After a monthlong competition to determine the starting quarterback for the season opener, Steve Spurrier finally gave the world his answer on his call-in show Thursday night.

Sophomore Connor Shaw will take the first snap when South Carolina faces off with East Carolina Saturday in Charlotte.

"I said way back we're going to have a preseason competition to see who the starter is going to be the first game," said Spurrier on his call-in show. "We've gone through preseason, so it's over. The guy who rated the best was Connor Shaw. He played better than Stephen Garcia. Simple as that. So he's going to start the game."

With Gamecock Nation in a state of shock after the announcement that veteran Stephen Garcia would not start

against the Pirates, the head ball coach reassured fans that both quarterbacks will have the opportunity to play on Saturday.

"[Shaw] is going to play the first quarter, and Stephen's going to play the second quarter. And we're going to see what happens after that. That's the fair way to do it," Spurrier said.

Shaw takes control of the starting job after being used sparingly in 2010, completing 23 of 33 passing attempts while throwing for 223 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Garcia started all 14 games last year, including 28 straight dating back to the 2009 Outback Bowl, and threw for 3,059 yards, 20 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

The unexpected answer comes just days after the Gamecocks released their official depth chart for the season

DECISION ● B2

OFFENSE USC hopes height is advantage

Pirate secondary decimated by injuries, suspensions

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In football, it pays to be tall. As a wide receiver, it's almost necessary to have height, which is why three of the top four wide receivers at South Carolina measure up at 6-4. With the tallest player in East Carolina's secondary being 6-1, it's fair to say that the vertical opportunities will be great for the Gamecock receiving corps in Saturday's season opener.

The task got taller for the ECU defense when cornerback Emanuel Davis, two time All-Conference-USA selection, was suspended for the opening game by coach Ruffin McNeill after an arrest in June.

Though the matchup favors the Gamecock receivers, especially with Davis out, wide receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr. hasn't bought into the hype. "This group hasn't done a lot," Spurrier Jr. said. "I've got one guy who's a darn good player, but other than that, I've got a bunch of talented guys. We're an unproven group, so until we start doing a lot, I'm not going to talk a lot about them. We've got a decent group, but they haven't copped us much yet."

OFFENSE ● B2



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Alshon Jeffery and the USC receivers will try and exploit the ECU secondary.

DEFENSE Pass rush key against Air Raid

Unit eager to get Davis early, often; slow down quick ECU offense

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The South Carolina defense, after several weeks of practicing against teammates, is more than ready to get some hits in against opponents not wearing a garnet and black jersey.

"All we talk about is that we can't wait to get out against Eastern Carolina and give them a run for it," said junior linebacker Damario Jeffery. "It's a lot of fun hitting the other team when you don't have to worry about hurting them. Not saying my intent is to hurt someone, but it's a lot easier to play then."

Saturday's season opener is more than just the first opportunity to shake off the rust of the offseason. Senior quarterback Dominique Davis leads an ECU offense that is known for its speed in getting rid of the ball, passing for an average of 305.2 yards per game in 2010. The Gamecocks

will likely have their hands full trying to stop the Pirates' aerial attack.

"Eastern Carolina has a phenomenal offense," Jeffery said. "It's a very fast tempo. The quarterback gets the ball out of



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Damario Jeffery will return to the spur linebacker position against ECU with DeVonte Holloman out.

there normally in about two seconds. It's going to be a lot of tipped passes, and we have to play on a lot of instinct against them."

Due to the suspension of junior Devonte Holloman, Jeffery will return to the spur position, where he played last season, for Saturday's game. He made the transition to Will linebacker in the offseason.

"The only time I'll get asked to play Will is in our dime package. I'm the spur for the whole game," Jeffery said. "I'm looking forward to it. I'm a little rusty, though. I keep thinking about everything I had to do at Will. It's a little bit different from spur, so I have to get the Will plays out of my head and get the spur going."

Melvin Ingram and Travian Robertson will lead a Gamecock defensive line whose goal is to eliminate Davis's passing options.

"We have to be smart about what we're going to do on defense," said defensive coordinator Lorenzo Ward. "If you're going to blitz this kid, you're not going to accomplish a lot. You have to do some things to get him to move his

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opener, on which the starting quarterback position was still undetermined. Addressing the open spot at his weekly press conference on Tuesday, Spurrier said both Shaw and Garcia would play against ECU regardless of who started, and hinted that it could remain that way as the year goes along. “I started thinking back to the eight conference champions our teams won [at Florida], and in four of the eight we played two quarterbacks,” Spurrier said. “The last was 2000 when we played Jesse Palmer and Rex Grossman. They had four wins each.” Spurrier said the open competition for the starting

job was in no way a punishment for Garcia’s offseason actions. The fifth-year senior, who had already served three suspensions in the past, was held out of the first week of spring practice for a violation of team rules during the days leading up to the Chick-fil-A Bowl in December, then was suspended indefinitely after an incident that occurred at an SEC leadership seminar in April. According to Spurrier, the preseason competition was a result of Garcia’s play in the final two games of the 2010 season. “His performance was not good enough in my opinion for us to say he’s our quarterback

next year,” Spurrier said. “In my opinion, I said we need some competition in there. We’re still having that. They both have earned the right to play this game. It’s based on performance. We have forgiven Stephen for his transgressions. He’s a new person; he really is. It’s all history. We’re starting fresh. It’s based on performance from here on out.” Although Shaw has control of the starting spot for now, Spurrier said that the position isn’t set in stone and offered praise for both players’ performances during camp. “Obviously if one is playing better than the other, he plays,” Spurrier said. “They’ll both play this game, and it will be

easy if one clearly outplays the other. Then we’ll know who plays the next game. “I’m really impressed with both of these guys. We’ve gotten to the point that our passing game will be improved.” When asked about the preseason competition, Garcia said the process was no different than what he and Shaw faced the previous year. “It is what it is,” Garcia said. “We’ve been dealing with this for two years now. We know how to deal with it. I’ve been doing it since I’ve been here, really, except for my sophomore year. The past two years with Connor, we’ve been competing every single week.”

The quarterback race began to heat up when the team began its intersquad scrimmages nearly two weeks into practice, eventually playing four in total. Though both players were productive, Shaw proved to be more impressive from a statistical standpoint. Despite missing the third scrimmage with an injured thumb, Shaw completed 74 percent of his passes for 434 yards, five touchdowns and an interception. Garcia, on the other hand, completed 58 percent of his passes for 389 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

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Depending on which direction the game goes, Spurrier Jr. said it would be “ideal” to have Damiere Byrd, Bruce Ellington, DeAngelo Smith and Nick Jones all see playing time as well, though nothing is certain as far as who will play and when outside of the top four. There is flexibility to move up and down the depth chart depending on in-game performance. “You find out a lot on Saturdays,” Spurrier Jr. said. “There’s a difference between practice and scrimmage, though that’s where you’ve got to obviously set your order. Saturdays, when you put

the jerseys on and play in front of the crowds and it counts, that’s really how you measure people.” Standing out among USC’s top four receivers is Ace Sanders, who is 9 inches shorter Jeffery, Jason Barnes and D.L. Moore. For Sanders, the focus has been on playing tall as he looks to be a factor in the slot receiver role. Though he’ll likely be splitting time with Barnes, primarily, Ellington and Byrd should also see playing time in that role. Though ECU had one of the worst defenses in the NCAA last season, Sanders knows the matchup will ultimately be settled on the field. “Some people are

coming in and looking at us as a big target,” Sanders said. “Everybody wants to play and everybody wants to win. We’re kind of got a bull’s-eye on our back because everybody’s been talking so big. What we’re trying to do is not get a big head, but to just go out there and perform.” There’s no denying that the opportunity to lift South Carolina to new heights is within reach for the Gamecock receivers. Under the bright lights of Bank of America Stadium, however, the question is whether or not they will reach their own potential.

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feet. He does get rid of the football fast, so we’re going to have to play some good, tight coverages.” At the same time, the defensive line is prepared to make sure that resorting to the running game is not an option for ECU. “Affect the quarterback — that’s our whole goal,” said defensive line coach Brad Lawing. “If we can get him on the ground, that would be great. But nobody else has done that, pretty much. We cannot let them run the football. If we let them run the football and not affect the quarterback, that’s not a good thing for us.” Ingram, who led the Gamecocks with nine sacks last season, has seen time both at defensive end and tackle in the past. He will likely play both positions against ECU and throughout this season as well. Robertson said he and Ingram work together well, regardless of where Ingram is playing. “We just play our part, whatever the play is that gets called,” Robertson said. “If

it opens up, it opens up. It may work out for him; we don’t know. We just play the scheme and go from there.” The defense has no set rotation for this week, but the team’s depth gives it a variety of options. With cornerback Akeem Auguste out after reaggravating a foot injury in practice Monday, C.C. Whitlock is set to start in his place alongside Stephon Gilmore, with Marty Markett playing as backup. Ellis Johnson, associate head coach for defense, said Monday that highly touted freshman defensive end Jadeveon Clowney would not start in his Gamecock debut. “We’ve got a good group,” Lawing said. “[This game is] a little different than we’ll probably approach other games. We’re rotating a lot of groups through practice this week. We’ve got some guys that are good players and work hard, and hopefully they’ll play good on Saturday.”

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could submarine what should be the greatest fall in program history. This isn’t a knock against Shaw. The Flowery Branch, Ga., native has a bright future. And he’s made major strides this summer. To be completely honest, during the spring I thought redshirt freshman Dylan Thompson or incoming freshman Tanner McEvoy would eventually leapfrog Shaw and become the starter in 2012 once Garcia left town. I no longer think that. Shaw will be USC’s starter as a junior and senior. But as a sophomore, the time isn’t right. Has Garcia been a knucklehead? Yes. Has he contributed to losses? Yes. Has his work ethic and questionable

decision making infuriated Spurrier at times? Yes. But warts and all, Garcia is the best quarterback USC has, summer scrimmage stats be darned. And he’s the best chance the Gamecocks have to win with the frequency and magnitude they are capable of this season. To bench him, especially after all Garcia has done for the program and the manner in which he has turned around his life according to Spurrier and everyone else around the team, is short-sighted at best, cruel at worst. You have to wonder what Spurrier’s decision means for his team as a whole. They support Shaw, but there are a lot of players, and very important ones, who love Garcia. They went to bat for him on Twitter and Facebook after he was suspended and helped convince

him to stay at USC and finish his career a Gamecock. What are they thinking now that the warrior they rallied around isn’t going to be out there? It boggles my mind that Spurrier would make such a decision right now, on the threshold of potential history. There is no reward involved, only colossal risk. A single down of football hasn’t been played yet, and already USC’s season feels as if it is on the brink. It just doesn’t make sense. Can USC beat East Carolina with Shaw starting? Yes. The Gamecocks could go up and down the field with Tommy Beecher, who hopefully had a glass of champagne now that he is no longer the most infamous opening night starter of Spurrier’s tenure, against the Pirates’ horrid defense.

But can they beat Georgia in Athens with Shaw starting? I don’t know. However, I doubt we’ll ever find out. I have a feeling Shaw will play the first quarter against the Pirates, and play well. Then the second quarter will come, and Garcia will enter the game. He won’t leave. Garcia will be a man possessed Saturday night. He will make good decisions. He will deliver pinpoint throws. He will lead. He will win his job back. And, by the end of the night, he will have righted a wrong decision.

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GAMEDAY 411:

East Carolina vs. South Carolina

WHERE: Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. (capacity of 73,400)

WHEN: Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

TICKETS: Tickets remain available through Ticketmaster.com. They are \$67.25 each.

TELEVISION: The game will be televised on Fox Sports Net. Bob Rathbun will handle play-by-play duties. Tim Couch is the color analyst. Kristina Akra is the sideline reporter.

RADIO: Locally, the game will be broadcast on 107.5 FM. Todd Ellis will handle play-by-play duties. Tommy Suggs is the color analyst. Terry Cousin is the sideline reporter. Nationally, the game will be broadcast on both Sirius XM Satellite Radio. The broadcast will be on Sirius channel 220 and XM channel 203, and will be a simulcast of the local call of the game.

WEATHER: The forecast for the greater Charlotte area on Saturday calls for sun and a 10-percent chance of precipitation. The high temperature on Saturday is set to be 95 degrees, the low 70.

SERIES: USC leads 10-5.

LAST MEETING: East Carolina 21-3 in 1999 at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.



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Joey Scribner-Howard will be the starting punter after beating out Patrick Fish.

Scribner-Howard to punt after winning job

Former transfer, Irmo native beats out Patrick Fish

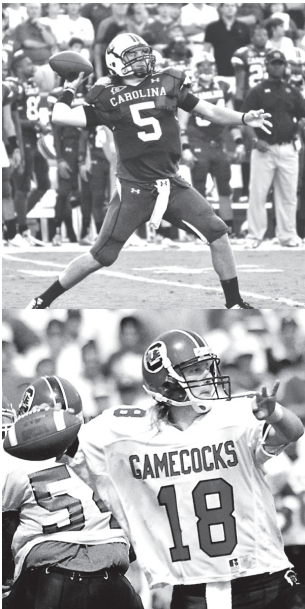
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Punting wasn’t exactly in the cards for Joey Scribner-Howard when he arrived at South Carolina as a transfer in 2009. Two years later, however, the Irmo native is set to enter Saturday’s season opener against East Carolina with the starting job. Having spent his first two years of eligibility performing the placekicking duties at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, the prospect of switching positions

didn’t take shape until spring practice of this year. “For really the first time since I’ve been in college, I started really working on punting, getting more consistent with my drops, making sure that I was hitting the ball properly,” Scribner-Howard said. “I used to just kind of mess around with punts. Now I’m starting to take it pretty seriously.” Although the position was a relatively new one to take over, Scribner-Howard said the move from kicker to punter didn’t require a major adjustment. “It wasn’t a difficult transition because I’ve done placekicking for a while,” he said. “It’s the same

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RECORD WATCH



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Career Pass Attempts
1. Todd Ellis 1,350
2. Steve Taneyhill 1,245
3. **Stephen Garcia 903**

Career Pass Completions
1. Steve Taneyhill 753
2. Todd Ellis 747
3. **Stephen Garcia 528**

Career Passing Touchdowns
1. Steve Taneyhill 62
2. Todd Ellis 49
3. **Stephen Garcia 43**

Career Passing Yards
1. Todd Ellis 9,953
2. Steve Taneyhill 8,782
3. **Stephen Garcia 6,753**



Career Receiving Yards
1. Kenny McKinley 2,781
2. Sterling Sharpe 2,497
4. **Alshon Jeffery 2,280**

Career Receiving Touchdowns
1. Sidney Rice 23
T2. R. Brooks/J. Kelly/K. McKinley 19
T7. **Alshon Jeffery 15**

Career Receptions
1. Kenny McKinley 207
2. Sterling Sharpe 169
8. **Alshon Jeffery 134**

Career Total Offense
1. Todd Ellis 9,351
2. Steve Taneyhill 8,164
3. **Stephen Garcia 7,362**

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9.2.2011 Volleyball vs. Gardner-Webb @ 12pm
9.2.2011 Cross Country- Gamecock Invitational @ 6pm
9.2.2011 Women's Soccer vs. Northeastern @ 7pm
9.2.2011 Volleyball vs. Davidson @ 7:30pm
9.3.2011 Volleyball vs. Elon @ 12pm
9.3.2011 Volleyball vs. UNC Asheville @ 7pm
9.3.2011 Football vs East Carolina @ 7pm
9.6.2011 Men's Soccer vs. Charlotte @ 7pm



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AROUND THE SEC

Two league teams in marquee neutral site games

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No. 4 LSU vs. No. 3 Oregon (Saturday at 8 p.m. on ABC)

What was once the most anticipated game of week one has lost some of its thunder with several LSU role players facing suspensions. Nevertheless, this matchup between two national title contenders should still provide plenty of theatrics as the Tigers’ hard-hitting defense attempts to slow down an Oregon rushing attack that averaged 286.2 yards per game last year.

“Our opponent is a 12-1 team and a runner-up to the national champion in Auburn,” LSU coach Les Miles said. “They are very talented. [Oregon coach] Chip Kelly has done a magnificent job since he’s been there.”

No. 19 Georgia vs. No. 5 Boise State (Saturday at 8 p.m. on ESPN)

The Bulldogs lacked firepower in their sub-.500 campaign last season, but an upset win over the Broncos would be the first step toward turning that around in 2011. To slow down BSU quarterback Kellen Moore, UGA coach

Mark Richt said his team will be in for a challenge.

“This guy right now I would say is deadly accurate,” Richt said. “There’s a difference between completions and hitting a guy on the dead run and hitting a guy exactly where they need to be hit. He throws it so accurately that he allows his receivers to really get some good yards after the catch.”

No. 2 Alabama vs. Kent State (Saturday at 12:20 p.m.)

The quest for returning to the top of the college football mountain is set to begin for Alabama. The Crimson Tide returns nine starters on what many believe will be the nation’s best defense, but coach Nick Saban said that won’t matter unless those returning players provide results.

“You’ve heard me say before it all depends on what they do with this experience,” Saban said. “Is this a challenge for them to play at a higher level, or does this experience create a comfort zone for them to think that they already have it and don’t need to work to do things better?”

No. 15 Arkansas vs. Missouri State (Saturday at 7 p.m.)

The Razorbacks have high expectations for 2011, but those will hinge on the play

of Tyler Wilson, who faces the challenge of replacing All-SEC quarterback Ryan Mallett. Although this is a potential question mark, coach Bobby Petrino expressed his confidence in Wilson at SEC Media Days in July.

“I think Tyler has an opportunity to do a very, very good job for us,” Petrino said. “I’ve been very impressed with the way he’s prepared in the offseason, the leadership role that he’s working to take over.”

No. 22 Florida vs. Florida Atlantic (Saturday at 7 p.m. on ESPN)

Year one of the Will Muschamp era is finally set to begin in Gainesville, and the Gators hope it will be an improvement from a disappointing 8-5 season in 2010. Although Florida’s new coach has implemented several changes to the unit’s schemes going into the season opener, he’s content on avoiding change simply for change’s sake.

“I think more than anything, if it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” Muschamp said. “[Former coach Urban Meyer] did a phenomenal job, he and his staff. They did some great things that we’re going to continue to do. There were some things that were very good at Florida. Why change ‘em if they’re working?”

No. 23 Auburn vs. Utah State (Saturday at noon)

The Tigers won’t have many familiar faces in their starting lineup Saturday against Utah State. The biggest change comes at quarterback, where junior Barrett Trotter will attempt to fill the gaping hole left by departed Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton.

“I’m excited for Barrett,” coach Gene Chizik said. “I think he’s going to be excited, but I think he’s going to show a lot of poise and a lot of confidence.”

Ole Miss vs. BYU (Saturday at 4:45 p.m.)

The Rebels will face few gimmes this season, beginning with tomorrow’s matchup against BYU. Although the Cougars were a bit lackluster last season, going 7-6 after posting double-digit wins the four previous years, Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt doesn’t expect a picnic in his team’s season opener.

“I know that [BYU coach] Bronco Mendenhall and his team will be tough,” Nutt said. “They are tough, experienced and disciplined. They don’t beat themselves.”

Tennessee vs. Montana (Saturday at 6 p.m.)

The road to resurgence continues for the Volunteers as

they enter year two under coach Derek Dooley. Coming off a strong freshman campaign, however, quarterback Tyler Bray could be in position to take Tennessee one step closer to that resurgence in 2011.

“He showed two main things out there last year,” Dooley said at SEC Media Days in July. “One is a level of confidence that was rare for a freshman to go get thrown into a fire. Secondly, he had a tremendous ability to aggressively push the ball down the field and generate a lot of explosive plays.”

Vanderbilt vs. Elon (Saturday at 7:30 p.m.)

New coach James Franklin has brought unusual excitement to the Commodore football program in the offseason. Taking the helm at Vandy after three years as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Maryland, Franklin believes 2011 will bring great strides for his program.

“I think this is a very unique time to jump on board and get excited,” Franklin said. “People that are maybe on the fence right now with whether to support Vanderbilt football or not, I believe we’ve shown enough signs that you should jump on board.”

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AROUND THE NATION

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Texas looks to get back to winning ways at home; Holgorsen era begins

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No. 14 TCU at Baylor (Friday at 8 p.m. on ESPN)

The Horned Frog defense will face a tough task in its first outing since January’s historic Rose Bowl win over Wisconsin: stopping Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III. Griffin threw for 3,501 yards and 22 touchdowns last fall, and he ran for 635 yards and eight scores, as the Bears made their first bowl game since 1994.

TCU coach Gary Patterson said Griffin may be the fastest player he has ever coached against.

“When he has the kind of people he has at wideout and a big offensive line, he’s a guy who can beat you,” Patterson said. “He’s an unbelievable athlete.”

Rice at Texas (Saturday at 8 p.m. on The Longhorn Network)

After a disastrous 5-7 season that saw Texas lose five of seven games played at Darrell K. Royal Stadium in Austin, including all four of its Big 12 home games, UT coach Mack Brown said he is eager to get his Longhorns winning again at home to start 2011.

“We’ve got to start a win streak at home again and get back on track,” Brown said. “There’s no way in the world that you shouldn’t play well at home if you’re at the University of Texas and have 101,000 fans that are pulling for you.”

Minnesota at No. 25 Southern California (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on ABC/ESPN2)

New Minnesota coach Jerry Kill said he will learn a lot about his Golden Gophers, who are coming off a horrid 3-9 season, when they take on Southern Cal in Los Angeles.

“We don’t get preseason games in college football, and so we don’t get to say, well, we can do this or do that,” Kill said. “We’ve got to do it from a winning and losing standpoint on game days. So we’ll know a

lot more about our team when we play USC and we’ll know a lot more about it the next week, and we’ve got to make sure we get prepared for the Big Ten.”

UCLA at Houston (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Net)

Houston is widely considered a contender in Conference-USA because of the return of sixth-year quarterback Case Keenum and the prolific offensive attack he leads. UH coach Kevin Sumlin feels that his defense’s transition from a 4-3 scheme to a 3-4 system is more important in the grand scheme of things if his Cougars are to win the league.

“Everything we do here goes towards winning Conference-USA and the West Division,” Sumlin said. “We’ve got to be able to defend a spread attack team and formation teams. The flexibility of a 3-4 gives you that. It’s really helped our flexibility on defense, gives us more blitz looks, added dimension and has helped our special teams.”

Chattanooga at No. 10 Nebraska (Saturday at 3:30 p.m. on The Big Ten Network)

After losing the last two Big 12 title games in devastating fashion, Nebraska will try to chase down a conference championship in its new league, the Big Ten. Coach Bo Pelini made it clear that is his team’s goal, and anything less is a failure.

“I don’t ever look at it being a success if you don’t win a championship,” Pelini said. “That is our goal from the beginning. In this program, we are about winning championships. That’s our goal. If we don’t reach our goal, then we can’t have success.”

Marshall at No. 24 West Virginia (Sunday at 3:30 on ESPN)

After a tumultuous and embarrassing offseason for West Virginia football, new head coach Dana Holgorsen is finally about to coach his first game. When asked what it feels like as he prepares to lead the Mountaineers against rival Marshall in the Friends of Coal Bowl, Holgorsen said he had no good answer, as he had little time to reflect on the fact.

“It’s about the game plan, setting the practice schedules and reaching our kids, practicing and getting good work, figuring out what we need to change and figuring out what the schedule is each weekend,” he said. “I wish I had some good material for you. It’s about routine and staying on task and focusing on the task at hand.”

SMU at No. 8 Texas A&M (Sunday at 7:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Net)

Texas A&M has informed the Big 12 it will withdraw next summer as long as it can secure membership in another conference (cough, SEC, cough). SMU President R. Gerald Turner recently told the Dallas Morning News his school, currently a member of Conference-USA, would like to replace A&M in the Big 12.

So, do the Mustangs feel pressure to upset the eighth-ranked Aggies and prove they should be considered for membership? Not according to SMU coach June Jones.

“I don’t put any thought into that because that’s not my deal,” he said. “We treat it the same whether anything has been said or not. It’s our game, it’s our opponent and we have to go play them.”

Miami at Maryland (Monday at 8 p.m. on ESPN)

It was announced Tuesday that eight Miami players, including quarterback Jacory Harris, will be suspended for the game against the Terrapins due to the Nevin Shapiro scandal. First-year Miami coach Al Golden isn’t asking for sympathy though. He said his team will weather this storm because of its character.

“I really believe in my heart, and I know the staff does too, that if we didn’t have a foundation and a culture that was built on core values and built on principles obviously to teach life skills and to create self-reliant and independent young people, I think we would be struggling right now,” Golden told the Associated Press. “We would be sitting here and there would be a lot of things collapsing.”

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BEHIND ENEMY LINES:

Five Questions with The East Carolinian

ECU student newspaper talks with The Gamecock

1. Is the ECU defense going to stop anyone this season?



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Defense is the No. 1 issue for this football team going into coach Ruffin McNeill’s second year on the job. After ranking dead last in the FBS in total defense last year, the coaching staff made the decision to switch to the 3-4 defense. The simple answer is that this defense is undersized and will have trouble stopping opponents. With a huge number of the defensive starters being underclassmen, they have the ability to learn quickly and possibly make drastic improvement from last season. But again, with this being the first time any of these players are facing live ammunition, don’t look for many punts from the South Carolina special teams.

2. How will the ECU offensive line match up with the USC defensive line?

Not well. One of ECU’s biggest problems is that it has an undersized offensive line that doesn’t match up well with the nature of SEC defensive lines. ECU is starting only one lineman who approaches 320 pounds and has only one upperclassman in the starting lineup. All last season the Pirates’ offensive line had trouble competing with BCS level competition, mainly due to conditioning. With players like Jadeveon Clowney lining up in front of them, look for a lot of stops in the backfield.

3. How good is Dominique Davis?

Dominique has the potential to be one of the best quarterbacks in the entire country. The key word there is potential. Davis’ biggest problem is that he is wildly inconsistent. In games last year he looked like an all-world player who controlled



Stephen M. Dowell / The Orlando Sentinel

East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis lacks experience but has proven he has the tools to be an elite signal caller at the national level.

the offense like a master, but there were also times when he made terrible decisions that cost the team games. Davis put in a lot of work this offseason to better his decision making as well as his footwork, through summer and fall camp. Davis looks to have improved on those areas. Davis has a number of talented receivers to throw to and knows how to use his feet if that is called for. So, to answer your question, Davis is a very talented quarterback who may go down as one of the best in ECU football history, despite having only played here for two years.

4. A lot has been made about Ruffin McNeill’s weight loss. How has it changed the energy in the program?

The entire program, and possibly the fan base, has been rejuvenated by the weight loss of coach McNeill (who also had hip surgery in the offseason). It has allowed McNeill to become the hands-on coach he may have been 10-15 years ago. In his first year at ECU his health hindered him from walking much and he was often confined to a golf cart on practice days. On game days he would often times be limping off the field as bad as any injured player. McNeill, now healthier, is more hands on, more vocal, and is back to doing what he loves to do — coach. It is apparent at any press conference that McNeill is keeping up with his team and that he is happy about that.

5. Prediction time — who you got?

The simple fact is that South Carolina is not only one of the best teams in the best conference in all of college football, they are one of the best teams in the country. Expect ECU to put up some points because with the offense the Pirates run, points scoring is a given, but it will once again all come down to the defense and with this being the first action it will see in a new scheme, look for the Gamecocks to run away with a 40-28 win. With that said, know that this prediction could be completely off, as the Pirates have had their fair share of upsets, especially in Charlotte. But all logical reasoning still points to a win for the Gamecocks.

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mindset, just doing a different technique of kicking it.”

The fifth-year senior has competed for the starting job over the course of the 2011 offseason alongside redshirt freshman Patrick Fish, who appeared to have a slight edge up until the last few weeks of practice. During the competition, however, Scribner-Howard said the two have managed to maintain a good relationship.

“He’s here for the job as much as I am, and we both wanted it, but there’s a mutual respect for each other,” Scribner-Howard said. “We both worked as hard as we could, but we stayed friends through it all.”

Because the battle between the two punters has been neck-and-neck for much of the preseason, Scribner-Howard doesn’t see his starting position as one that’s set in stone.

“I look at it as week-to-week,” he said. “I feel like I’m still competing. Even if I’m fortunate enough to be the starter through game seven or eight, I’m still going to feel like I’m competing all the way through. I’m not going to take any of this for granted and let up the position I’ve earned.”

Scribner-Howard credits much of his development during the offseason to the coaching of new special teams coordinator John Butler. With his guidance and expectations, the senior believes he’s made great strides since making his claim for the position in the spring.

“He doesn’t shoot for anything less than perfect, and it’s really put me under the gun to work hard and not take my time with things,” Scribner-Howard said. “I came into this camp right off the bat trying to do everything as perfect as possible, and he’ll let you know if you’re not doing what needs to be done for this team.”

“He hasn’t really indicated [why I was named starter]. He’s just always pushing for me to get better, so I don’t really know what it is that’s taken me over. I got it, and I’m just thankful for it.”

Despite the lack of explanation, Scribner-Howard welcomed the news.

“It was a pretty neat moment, but I tried not to let it get to me too much. It was more of a thing where I knew I had a job and I have to go do it.”

As a product of the Midlands region, Scribner-Howard said he’s excited about the prospect of starting for a program he grew up watching.

“It feels good as a hometown guy to get out there on the field and be a starter,” he said. “I feel like I’m representing well for the Columbia area.”

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GAMEDAY CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

TCU at Baylor	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
Minnesota at Southern California	Southern California	Southern California	Southern California	Southern California
South Florida at Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame
Northwestern at Boston College	Northwestern	Northwestern	Northwestern	Boston College
BYU at Ole Miss	BYU	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss
LSU vs. Oregon	LSU	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Boise State vs. Georgia	Boise State	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Miami at Maryland	Maryland	Maryland	Miami	Miami
SMU at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
South Carolina vs. East Carolina	USC 54, ECU 35	USC 45, ECU 20	USC 42, ECU 20	USC 38, ECU 14

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